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OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND INEBRIATE ASYLUM,

BALTIMORE, December 31, 1867.

To His Excellency the Governor, and to the Honorable, the General Assembly of the State of Maryland:

GENTLEMEN: The Board of Managers of the Maryland State Asylum for Inebriates, respectfully report for the year 1867, that they have been subjected to very great difficulties in the pursuit of their labors, on account of their having no suitable buildings in which to conduct the operations of the institution. In consequence of this deficiency they are obliged to confine the applicants for admission into the Asylum in the Hospital for the Insane, of the city and State.

This is not agreeable to many applicants and they decline the services of the Institution. Many families that might be relieved from the difficulties, annoyances and dangers consequent upon the management of their inebriate sons, fathers, husbands, and brothers, are deprived of the opportunity because there are no proper accommodations in the State for their care and management. In some instances the friends of the inebriate are obliged to seek in other cities and States the provisions for the care and cure of their unfortunate relatives and friends which do not exist in our own.

During the year five applicants have been confined in Mount Hope Insane Asylum, and three in the Maryland Hospital for the Insane.

In some instances the friends of the applicant prefer that he should be confined in the Institution without the authority of the Board under the Law of the State. In all such cases

the confinement is entirely at the will of the inebriate, and results in but very little or no benefit. The number thus provided for bears no comparison to the number of applications that are made for the services of our Institution.

The Board of Managers are assured by the number of appeals that are made for relief, and promises given of assistance, that if the General Assembly of the State would order the appropriation of sufficient means to commence the labors of the Institution in proper form, the Asylum would soon be placed in a prosperous condition, and become one of the most if not altogether the most efficient auxiliary of moral reform in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. DR. GEO. C. M. ROBERTS,
President.

REV. JOHN N. McJILTON,
Vice President.

CHARLES C. CORKRAN,
Treasurer.

J. R. W. DUNBAR, M. D.,
Corresponding Secretary.

WILLIAM COLTON,
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